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## COMPLETE SPECIFICATION

### Improvements in or relating to receipt and like books

We, J. EVERSHED & CO. (BOW) LIMITED, a British Company, and NORMAN WILLIAM EVERSHED, a British Subject, both of Alma Road, St. Albans, Hertfordshire, do hereby declare the invention, for which we pray that a patent may be granted to us, and the method by which it is to be performed, to be particularly described in and by the following statement:-

10 This invention comprises improvements in or relating to receipt and like books. It is a common thing to use receipt books in which receipt forms, often interleaved with duplicate pages for carbon

15 copies, have a stiff back cover flap so that the book can be used while held in the hand, for example by a trader's roundsman standing at the customer's door. The front flap of the cover of

20 such a book is necessary for protection of the contents but is in the way of the user's hand when open, and particularly so if the book is of the long type with a series of tear-out receipts in a column

25 one above another.

According to the present invention the back flap of the book is undivided but the front flap of the cover is not only hinged at its side to the book, but also is divided by further hinge means spaced from the side hinge sufficiently to enable the front flap to be folded round the back of the book. This permits the cover not only to be hinged

30 open but also folded back under the back cover, where it adds extra stiffness to the back and is also out of the way.

In one form the cover is formed in one piece from card and divided by being creased along two or more lines along its front flap to provide the further hinge means.

In another form the front cover consists of cloth stiffened with board and it is divided by omitting the board at

the places or over the area where the further hinge means are to be provided.

It has been proposed to provide bound books with covers which are hinged both along the back and the front at a number of places to make the covers flexible, but in the case of receipt and like books, this would defeat the object of the present invention and it would prevent the user from holding the book open and sufficiently rigid to write out a receipt. It has also been proposed in loose-leaf books to provide covers which had an additional crease to enable the front cover to lie more closely against the loose-leaf pages but such covers were not so creased as to enable them to fold round the back of a book.

Various examples of the application of the invention are shown in the accompanying drawings in which -

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of receipt book, in accordance with the invention;

Figure 2 is a similar view of another form;

In Figures 1 and 2 the book is shown opened or partly opened;

Figure 3 shows a third form of a book, but in the closed position.

Figure 4 is another alternative, and Figure 5 is a still further alternative.

In the form shown in Figure 1 the book 11 has a stiff paper cover 12 stapled through the receipt and duplicate leaves, the front flap 13 of the cover being creased at its left-hand margin at 14 close within the line of staples. The front cover flap also has a second crease 15 somewhat to the left of its centre line. This permits the flap to be opened about the first crease 14 and folded under the back as

- shown about the second crease 15. The edge of the back cover is creased at 16 and 17 to a flap 18 which can be tucked in behind the first leaf of receipt 5 forms 19. Thus the whole of the flaps are formed from a single piece. It should be noted that the crease 15 is creased outwardly to facilitate folding as shown.
- 10 In another form, shown in Figure 2, the book 21 has a double cloth front flap 22 stiffened with thin board between the layers of cloth, but the board is divided into three sections 23, 24, 25: 15 a first narrow section 23 under the staples; a second wider section 24 spaced from the first to allow the cloth to form a hinge 26 close to the staples; and a third section 25 similarly spaced 20 from the second section 24 to form a second hinge. The book has a stiff back 27. The use is as before.
- It is to be noted that the flaps 13 of Figure 1 and 22 of Figure 2, when 25 folded back under the backs of the books, form a convenient and stiff handle for holding the book in the left hand while writing entries in it.
- In a third form shown in Figure 3, 30 the front flap 31 is of stiff board 32 with cloth covering 33 as in the second form but the second section 24 (Figure 2) is omitted, leaving a wide flexible part 34 to the flap 32 which is equivalent to the two distinct hinges in the first and second forms.
- Figure 4 shows a form of book similar 35 to Figure 3, but the flexible portion of the flap 41 extends from the edge of the thick board 42 to the very back of the book at 43, and is not stapled to the pages, so that in effect there is a hinge 44 at the junction of the stiff flap 42 with the flexible portion and 45 the further hinge 43 along the back edge of the top of the book. This form is suitable for a book which is not stapled but has a glued spine.
- Figure 5 shows a further alternative 50 which is in general similar to Figure 1 and comprises a pad of pages 50 which is stapled to a card cover at 51 and which comprises an extension 52 of the back of the cover forming a flap to 55 underlie the front page similarly to the flap 18 of Figure 1. The difference is that the front cover, instead of being creased in two places, is creased along three lines at 53, 54 and 55, which 60 enables it to fold more closely around the back of the book.
- Under the term "receipt and like books" the present specification includes not only receipt forms but forms 65 for a similar nature such as conveyance

notebooks and delivery forms.

The invention is applicable not only to books which are bound with staples through the front and back covers but also to books which are bound with flexible glue applied to the spine of the book. Books of the latter kind are liable to have their back broken if a stiff front cover of the usual kind is bent back underneath the back cover, but 75 if according to the present invention a cover having two hinges or a wide flexible part between the stiff part of the front cover and the hinged margin is provided, the front cover can be folded 80 back under the back cover without any danger of breaking the back of the book.

#### WHAT WE CLAIM IS:-

1. A receipt book or other like book, characterised by the fact that the back flap of the book is undivided but the front flap of the cover is not only hinged at its side to the book, but also is divided by further hinge means spaced from the side hinge sufficiently to enable the front flap to be folded round the back of the book.

2. A receipt or like book as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cover is formed in one piece from card and is divided by being creased along two or more lines along its front flap to provide the further hinge means.

3. A receipt or like book as claimed in claim 1, wherein the front cover consists of cloth stiffened with board, and it is divided by omitting the board at the places or over the area where the further hinge means are to be provided.

4. A receipt or like book substantially as described with reference to and shown in Figure 1, or Figure 2, or Figure 3, or Figure 4, or Figure 5 of the accompanying drawings.

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In one form the book has a stiff 35 paper cover stapled through the receipt and duplicate leaves and the front flap of the cover being creased at its left-hand margin close within the line of staples. The front cover flap also has a second crease somewhat to the left of its centre line. This permits 40 the flap to be opened about the first crease and folded under the back about the second crease.

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board between the layers of cloth, but the board is in three upright sections: a first narrow section under the staples; a second wider section spaced from the first to allow the cloth to form a hinge 50 close to the staples; and a third section similarly spaced from the second section to form a second hinge. The use is as before.

In a third form the front flap is of 55 cloth stiffened with board as in the second form but the second flap is omitted, leaving a wide flexible part to the flap which is equivalent to the two distinct hinges in the first and second 60 forms.

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